

New River Area Plan Update Workshop II Summary

January 2019



On Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:00- 8:00 PM, over 50 people attended Workshop II. Attendees had the opportunity to attend 6 stations of his or her choice. The following were topics at each station; Sign-in and General Information, Survey and Public Comment Results, Recreation and Open Space, Land use and Future Growth, Transportation, and Environment and Water.

Station Summary:

This is a summary with the most common responses given at each station.

Recreation and Open Space:

- 31% enjoy hiking, 18% enjoy horseback riding, 16% enjoy mountain biking.(55 total responses)
- Most needed recreation amenities: 20% mountain bike trails, 26% Horse-back riding trails, 27% hiking trails.(55 total responses)

Land Use and Future Growth:

- Types of Commercial development along I-17: 67% want restaurants, 33% want retail and other services.(3 total responses)
- Types of Commercial development along Carefree highway: 62% want restaurants, 38% want retail and other services.(13 total responses)
- Appropriate types of development for State Land Parcels: 35% were in favor of Large Lot Residential and 31% were in favor for Community and Government services.(8 total responses)
- Desired community look: 100% like Option D (Store fronts right off the road) (2 total responses)
- Desired Community Layout: The following options were presented: Option A-subdivision with a variety of higher densities and open space near the mountain; Option B- Rural-190 (5-acre lots) zoning; Option C - 1-acre lot splits (typical New River development pattern); Option D - large-lot subdivision; and Option E - master planned community. 43% liked Option D, 30% liked Option C, and 26% liked Option B. (46 total responses)

Transportation:

- The 3 most important Scenic Corridor guidelines: 14% preserve existing vegetation, 15% discourage off-site advertising signs, and 26% Site design should incorporate techniques, such as minimizing impervious surfaces, that encourage rainwater infiltration and reduce the heat island effect. (94 total responses)
- New River Roads and Other Roads considered Scenic Corridors: 100% responded yes (15 total responses)
- Preferred bikeways for the community: 53% like Option C (no marked bike lane), 33% like Option B (separate bike road). (15 total responses)

- Preferred signage for the community: 57% like Option D (rural signage that matches the landscape/ landmark signage). (7 total responses)

Environment and Water:

- Preferred water conservation method: 32% liked image 10 (low flow toilets), 16% liked image 1 (above ground tank), 26% liked image 9 (greywater systems) (38 total responses)
- Reasons to not implement water conservation method: No responses recorded about this question.

Common Comments:

Attendees were able to place comment cards into comment boxes pertaining to that station. Out of the 65 received comment cards, the most common comments are listed below.

Survey and Public Comments:

Improve workshop attendance, Keep New River rural, Clarify technical details on the survey.

Recreation and Open Space:

Preserve New River's open spaces, Paving roads on 20th Street and 30th Street, Horse Trails.

Land Use and Future Growth:

Enforce strong zoning, Store fronts at the street (no parking lots).

Transportation:

Enforce speed limits, Bike lanes and scenic roads with small signage, No billboards

Environment and Water:

Rain water harvesting, native plants, manage water resources

Survey:

An online survey was open to the public on December 21, 2018 regarding the topics at Workshop II pertaining to the New River Area Plan Update. The following survey analysis results were pulled on January 10, 2019. Almost 200 people participated in the online survey.

Recreation and Open Space:

- 38% enjoy hiking, 16% enjoy horseback riding, 13% enjoy mountain biking.
- Favorite Recreation Spots: Daisy Mountain, State Trust Lands, Anthem Community Center.
- Most needed recreation amenities: 27% Horse-back riding trails, 26% hiking trails, 21% mountain bike trails.

Land Use and Future Growth:

- Types of Commercial development along I-17: 46% want restaurants, 28% want retail and other services, 18% do not want commercial developments.
- Types of Commercial development along Carefree highway: 45% want restaurants, 29% want retail and other services, 18% did not want commercial developments.
- Appropriate types of development for State Land Parcels: 35% were in favor of Large Lot Residential and 31% were in favor for Community and Government services.
- Desired community look: 36 % liked Option C (modern shops) and 35% liked Option A (rural shops).

- Desired Community Layout: The following options were presented: Option A-subdivision with a variety of higher densities and open space near the mountain; Option B- Rural-190 (5-acre lots) zoning; Option C - 1-acre lot splits (typical New River development pattern); Option D - large-lot subdivision; and Option E - master planned community. 42% liked Option B; 27% liked Option D and 15% liked Option C.

Transportation:

- The 3 most important Scenic Corridor guidelines: 18% preserve existing vegetation, 14% Site design should incorporate techniques, such as minimizing impervious surfaces, that encourage rainwater infiltration and reduce the heat island effect, and 13% discourage off-site advertising signs.
- Other guidelines to apply to the Scenic Corridor: low lighting, low impact commercial, maintain rural lifestyle.
- New River Roads and Other Roads considered Scenic Corridors: 70% responded yes, 21% responded no, 9% included other roads like Carefree Highway, 7th Street and New River Road, I-17, etc.
- Bike Lane Locations: I-17 Frontage Roads, New River Road, and 7th Street.
- Preferred bikeways for the community: 43% like Option A (road with marked bike lane), 23% like Option D (separate bike road).
- Preferred signage for the community: 61% like Option D (rural signage that matches the landscape/ landmark signage), 23% like Option F (detailed city map signage).

Environment and Water:

- Preferred water conservation method: 28% liked image 10 (low flow toilets), 23% liked image 1 (above ground tank), 16% liked image 2 (below ground tank), 16% liked image 9 (greywater systems)
- Reasons to not implement water conservation method: 75% for Cost, 38% for maintenance, 22% for time
- Other Strategies to conserve water: limit use, limit plants, low flow toilets, drip irrigation, rain gutter barrels.